

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-23, and 32-53, as amended, remain herein. Claim 20 has been amended, and claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 24-31 and 54-59 remain herein but are presently withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action stated that claims 1-18 and 32-53 are allowed, and that claims 20-23 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of independent claim 19 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, allowable claim 20 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 19, and claim 19 has been canceled. Thus, claim 20 and claims 21-23 dependent thereon, are fully in condition for allowance.

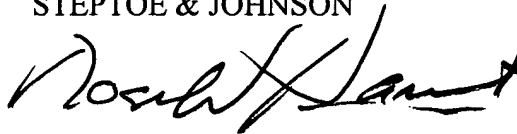
Accordingly, all claims in the application are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be appropriate, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.3075).

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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